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News

\$45M in Senate Defense Bill to Clean Up Water Near Military Bases

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By David Schultz

- Federal spending bill includes \$45 million to clean up fluorinated chemicals from drinking water
- Money will go from Pentagon directly to states and water utilities

A bill that would fund the Pentagon for the coming fiscal year includes \$45 million to help states and local governments decontaminate drinking water tainted by perfluorinated chemicals. Senators unanimously agreed to add the money to the bill shortly before passing the annual government funding measure (H.R. 6157) on an 85-7 vote on Aug. 23. The House version of the bill contains no similar provision, meaning the two chambers will have to agree to add the money in conference. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), sponsored the amendment to add the money. Those funds would go directly from the Pentagon to states and local water utilities to help them deal with problems caused by these chemicals, which can cause tumors and damage to other organs when ingested. Perfluorinated chemicals are an important component of fire-fighting foam used on Air Force bases and elsewhere. The long-lasting compounds in these foams have seeped into groundwater on and around many military bases across the country, contaminating water supplies for bases and nearby communities as well. The Pentagon official in charge of environmental cleanups estimated last year that the total cost to the department of addressing perfluorinated chemical contamination could exceed \$2 billion.

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